

## **Expression of Interest for Artists**

### **£10,000 Commission Opportunity: Creative Schools Project**

artsdepot is looking for artistic collaborators to work with us and 3 - 5 schools in the London Borough of Barnet, including at least one primary, one secondary and one SEN, to devise, create and deliver a creative, imaginative and innovative workshop programme around the theme of environmental sustainability culminating in an exhibition presentation in the Apthorp Gallery at artsdepot throughout December 2021 which will be open to the public to engage with and enjoy.

We are interested to hear from artists and companies from all disciplines and background with exciting proposals around the theme of sustainability for a project to animate and inspire our schools and community. You could be an architect, a theatre director, a digital agency, film maker, graphic designer, visual artist etc. If you have an idea that will spark the imagination of young people we want to hear from you.

This innovative project will take place in Autumn 2021 and is an opportunity for schools to collaborate with an award-winning multi-art form venue and professional cultural innovators / artists on a meaningful project for young people, school and artist.

#### **What we are looking for:**

- Artists or companies who are keen to collaborate with artsdepot, schools and the young people, and co-create a project.
- Artists or companies that have experience in making work with young people.
- Ideas that explore the theme of environmental sustainability.
- We are interested in ideas that embed digital thinking into its creation and / or delivery but this is not essential.
- Submissions where the artist / company incorporates the young people's contribution.
- A finished exhibition in the Gallery, open to the public. Opening dates: Monday 6 December 2021 – Friday 31 December 2021. (Installation will be 1 day only: Saturday 4 December or Sunday 5 December. De-installation will be 1 day only: Sunday 2 January).

#### **What we aim to deliver for participants taking part:**

- Access to cultural resources from beyond the curriculum.
- Meaningful opportunities to engage with working artists / innovators.
- Opportunities to have their work presented in a professional arts venue.
- Development of social and communication skills such as working as a team, building confidence, generating ideas collaboratively - that may complement school learning and skill development progressing into work or higher education.
- Personal development of students in the form of stimulation of imagination, empathy and cultural appreciation.
- Development of practical creative-based skills and values in creativity and culture to assist future studies.
- Engaging insight into the creative and cultural industry to nurture future talent.
- A sense of personal progression through involvement with the project.

#### **Fee:**

£10,000 commission – inclusive\* of:

- Planning
- Delivery

- Travel
- Materials
- Installation
- Evaluation
- Support workers
- Meetings

*\*This list is a guide and there may be other costs that you need to consider in your planning.*

### **How to apply:**

Expressions of interest outlining what you would like to devise, create and deliver with 3 - 5 schools in the London Borough of Barnet should be submitted by 10am on Friday 21 May 2021 including:

- Appropriate contact details (if you are applying as collective / company please specify a main contact person).
- A biography detailing who you are, your background, professional experience and descriptions of the creative team.
- Any links to websites.
- An artistic description contextualising the ideas you will develop for the commission.
- Examples of your previous work. Online links preferred.

Expressions of interest should be no more than 3 sides of A4 and emailed to:

[participation@artsdepot.co.uk](mailto:participation@artsdepot.co.uk)

Please state in the title of the email or letter “Creative Schools Project”.

### **Timescale:**

- Deadline for proposal applications: Friday 21 May at 10am
- Interviews: Wednesday 2 June via Zoom.
- Planning Meetings: June – July 2021
- Delivery of project: September – December 2021
- Installation of work: Saturday 4 December or Sunday 5 December
- Work in situ: Monday 6 December 2021 – Friday 31 January 2022
- De-installation: Sunday 2 January 2022

### **Any questions?**

We are committed to ensuring that this opportunity is open and accessible to everyone. If you experience or anticipate any barriers within the application process, or require any help to make an application, please contact us.

Email: [Francesca.cross@artsdepot.co.uk](mailto:Francesca.cross@artsdepot.co.uk)

### **About artsdepot:**

artsdepot is a leading multi-art form venue and cultural hub in North Finchley, London. Our venue incorporates two theatres, gallery, café, studios, an art room and public spaces. We also house a vibrant Creation Space providing space to artists to create new work.

We are passionate about programming high quality, dynamic and engaging work with artistic excellence across all art forms. As well as presenting work, encouraging artistic innovation and supporting artist development, we also engage with people of all ages through our extensive

participation programme. In an average year we welcome 146,000 visitors including 77,000 attending shows, and 9,000 children and young people taking part in creative opportunities.

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